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0-1	International Application No.	
0-2	International Filing Date	
0-3	Name of receiving Office and "PCT International Application"	
0-4	Form - PCT/RO/101 PCT Request	
0-4-1	Prepared using	PCT-EASY Version 2.92 (updated 01.11.2003)
0-5	Petition The undersigned requests that the present international application be processed according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty	
0-6	Receiving Office (specified by the applicant)	Japan Patent Office (RO/JP)
0-7	Applicant's or agent's file reference	2003S00629EN
I	Title of invention	Method for Manufacturing Hot Rolled Steel Strip and Apparatus for Manufacturing the Same
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IV-1	Agent or common representative; or address for correspondence The person identified below is hereby/has been appointed to act on behalf of the applicant(s) before the competent International Authorities as:	agent
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IV-1-4	Facsimile No.	03-3597-3445
IV-1-5	Agent's registration No.	10596
V	Designation of States	
V-1	Regional Patent (other kinds of protection or treatment, if any, are specified between parentheses after the designation(s) concerned)	EP: AT BE BG CH&LI CY CZ DE DK EE ES FI FR GB GR HU IE IT LU MC NL PT RO SE SI SK TR and any other State which is a Contracting State of the European Patent Convention and of the PCT
V-2	National Patent (other kinds of protection or treatment, if any, are specified between parentheses after the designation(s) concerned)	CN KR US
V-5	Precautionary Designation Statement In addition to the designations made under items V-1, V-2 and V-3, the applicant also makes under Rule 4.9(b) all designations which would be permitted under the PCT except any designation(s) of the State(s) indicated under item V-6 below. The applicant declares that those additional designations are subject to confirmation and that any designation which is not confirmed before the expiration of 15 months from the priority date is to be regarded as withdrawn by the applicant at the expiration of that time limit.	
V-6	Exclusion(s) from precautionary designations	NONE
VI-1	Priority claim of earlier national application	
VI-1-1	Filing date	27 August 2002 (27.08.2002)
VI-1-2	Number	2002-247462
VI-1-3	Country	JP
VI-2	Priority claim of earlier national application	
VI-2-1	Filing date	05 March 2003 (05.03.2003)
VI-2-2	Number	2003-059120
VI-2-3	Country	JP

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VI-3	Priority claim of earlier national application		
VI-3-1	Filing date	19 March 2003 (19.03.2003)	
VI-3-2	Number	2003-075121	
VI-3-3	Country	JP	
VI-4	Priority claim of earlier national application		
VI-4-1	Filing date	26 May 2003 (26.05.2003)	
VI-4-2	Number	2003-147108	
VI-4-3	Country	JP	
VI-5	Priority document request		
	The receiving Office is requested to prepare and transmit to the International Bureau a certified copy of the earlier application(s) identified above as item(s):	VI-1, VI-2, VI-3, VI-4	
VI-1	International Searching Authority Chosen	Japan Patent Office (JPO) (ISA/JP)	
VIII	Declarations	Number of declarations	
VIII-1	Declaration as to the identity of the inventor	—	
VIII-2	Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent	—	
VIII-3	Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application	3	
VIII-4	Declaration of inventorship (only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America)	—	
VIII-5	Declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty	—	

VIII-3-1	Declaration: Entitlement to claim priority Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application specified below, where the applicant is not the applicant who filed the earlier application or where the applicant's name has changed since the filing of the earlier application (Rules 4.17(iii) and 51bis.1(a)(iii)): Name:	in relation to this international application JFE STEEL CORPORATION is entitled to claim priority of earlier application No. 2002-247462 by virtue of the following:
VIII-3-1 (vii)		the applicant's name changed from NKK CORPORATION to JFE STEEL CORPORATION on 24 April 2003 (24.04.2003)
VIII-3-1 (ix)	This declaration is made for the purposes of:	all designations

VIII-3-2	Declaration: Entitlement to claim priority Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application specified below, where the applicant is not the applicant who filed the earlier application or where the applicant's name has changed since the filing of the earlier application (Rules 4.17(iii) and 51bis.1(a)(iii)): Name:	in relation to this international application JFE STEEL CORPORATION is entitled to claim priority of earlier application No. 2003-059120 by virtue of the following:
VIII-3-2 (viii)		the applicant's name changed from NKK CORPORATION to JFE STEEL CORPORATION on 24 April 2003 (24.04.2003)
VIII-3-2 (ix)	This declaration is made for the purposes of:	all designations

VIII-3-3	Declaration: Entitlement to claim priority Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application specified below, where the applicant is not the applicant who filed the earlier application or where the applicant's name has changed since the filing of the earlier application (Rules 4.17(iii) and 51bis.1(a)(iii)): Name:	in relation to this international application JFE STEEL CORPORATION is entitled to claim priority of earlier application No. 2003-075121 by virtue of the following:
VIII-3-3 (viii)		the applicant's name changed from NKK CORPORATION to JFE STEEL CORPORATION on 24 April 2003 (24.04.2003)
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IX	Check list	number of sheets	electronic file(s) attached
IX-1	Request (including declaration sheets)	8	-
IX-2	Description	32	-
IX-3	Claims	6	-
IX-4	Abstract	1	-
IX-5	Drawings	23	-
IX-7	TOTAL	70	
	Accompanying items	paper document(s) attached	electronic file(s) attached
IX-8	Fee calculation sheet	✓	-
IX-9	Original separate power of attorney	✓	-
IX-17	PCT-EASY diskette	-	Diskette
IX-18	Other (specified):	"[.t, ., é è "—z, É'Š" -, ., é"Á< -^ó t, ð"\.t , μ, ½ ' -Ê	-
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IX-19	Figure of the drawings which should accompany the abstract	2	
IX-20	Language of filing of the International application	Japanese	
X-1	Signature of applicant, agent or common representative		
X-1-1	Name (LAST, First)	OCHIAI, Kenichiro	

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10-1	Date of actual receipt of the purported International application	
10-2	Drawings:	
10-2-1	Received	
10-2-2	Not received	
10-3	Corrected date of actual receipt due to later but timely received papers or drawings completing the purported international application	
10-4	Date of timely receipt of the required corrections under PCT Article 11(2)	
10-5	International Searching Authority	ISA/JP
10-6	Transmittal of search copy delayed until search fee is paid	

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11-1	Date of receipt of the record copy by the International Bureau	
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